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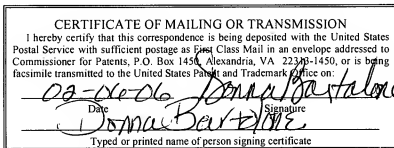
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 4, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time for filing this Amendment After Final Rejection is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: